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SUBJECT: ZAMBIAN FOREIGN MINISTER DISCUSSES CALLAGHAN AFRICAN VISIT

1. VERNON MWAANGA, ZAMBIAN FOREIGN MINISTER HERE LEADING HIS COUNTRY'S OAU LIBERATION COMMITTEE DELEGATION, TALKED TO ME AT LENGTH LAST EVENING, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, ABOUT HIS IMPRESSIONS OF BRITISH FCO SECRETARY CALLAGHAN AND THE RHODESIAN PROBLEM.

2. MWAANGA, IN RESPONSE TO MY QUESTION ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF NAIROBI BEING SELECTED AS A SITE FOR PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE, SAID VENUE NO PROBLEM. SAID WHILE ZAMBIANS HAD INITIALLY EXPRESSED PREFERENCE FOR LONDON, NAIROBI OR ANY OTHER PLACE DECIDED UPON BY PARTICIPANTS  
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PERFECTLY SATISFACTORY. "WE ZAMBIANS, BOTSWANANS AND TANZANIANS

ARE ONLY THE MARRIAGE BROKERS. THE RHODESIANS THEMSELVES MUST TAKE THE NEXT STEP," THE FOREIGN MINISTER SAID.

3. MWAANGA EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER WHAT HE DESCRIBED AS AN INADEQUATE BRIEFING OF CALLAGHAN BY FCO OFFICIALS AS TO THE SITUATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. MWAANGA SAID CALLAGHAN HAD NOT BEEN IN AFRICA FOR 12 OR 13 YEARS AND HE WAS SURPRISED AT HIS LACK OF APPRECIATION OF THE EMERGING DYNAMICS OF THE AREA. HE SPECIFICALLY SAID CALLAGHAN SEEMED SURPRISED AT HOW FAR THE PRINCIPALS HAD GONE IN GETTING THE LIBERATION GROUPS TOGETHER AND FORCING SMITH TO SERIOUSLY CONSIDER CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES.

4. "THE BRITISH KEEP TALKING ABOUT NOT WANTING TO TAKE ANY RISKS IN CALLING FOR THE CONFERENCE. THEY WANT A GUARANTEE THAT THE CONFERENCE WILL BE A SUCCESS. WELL, THERE CAN BE NO GUARANTEE. WE'VE ALL BEEN TAKING RISKS. VORSTER HAS TAKEN RISKS. SMITH HAS TAKEN RISKS. KAUNDA, SERETSE KHAMA AND NYERERE ARE TAKING RISKS. THESE KINDS OF NEGOTIATIONS ARE RISKY FOR EVERYONE. BUT WE ARE TAKING THE RISK BECAUSE WE WANT TO SEE A RESOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM. THE BRITISH ARE GOING TO HAVE TO DO AT LEAST AS MUCH," MWAANGA SAID.

5. THE FOREIGN MINISTER SAID HE COULD NOT QUITE UNDERSTAND THE BRITISH HESITANCY IN GETTING ON TO A MORE ACTIVE STANCE ON RHODESIA, THAT UDI HAD OCCURRED UNDER THE LABOUR PARTY AND THEY SHOULD FEEL EVEN MORE RESPONSIBLE. MWAANGA CONTRASTED THE INITIATIVES TAKEN BY THE BRITISH IN CALLING SMITH TO CONFERENCES ON THE "FEARLESS" AND THE "TIGER" (IN WHICH MWAANGA NOTED PARENTHETICALLY THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO ADVANCE GUARANTEES OF CONFERENCE SUCCESS) WITH THE SITUATION AS IT STANDS NOW. MWAANGA SAID THAT FOR THE FIRST TIME, ALL RHODESIANS, BLACK AND WHITE, ARE PREPARED TO NEGOTIATE AN ACCOMMODATION. HE FELT THAT IF THE BRITISH WERE SINCERE THEY WOULD RECOGNIZE THIS AS A MOST UNUSUAL OPPORTUNITY. MWAANGA WAS IMPATIENT THAT CALLAGHAN HAD COME OUT "TO SEE WHAT THE AFRICANS WANTED." WE AFRICANS WANT TO KNOW WHAT THE BRITISH ARE PREPARED TO DO, HE SAID.

6. FINALLY MWAANGA SAID THE AFRICAN LEADERS THEMSELVES WEREN'T CALLING FOR ONE MAN, ONE VOTE AT INDEPENDENCE. "THAT WAS NOT CONFIDENTIAL

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THE SITUATION WHEN TANZANIA ACHIEVED INDEPENDENCE AND WE DIDN'T HAVE ONE MAN, ONE VOTE IN ZAMBIA UNTIL 1968," HE NOTED.

7. COMMENT: MWAANGA WAS DUE TO BRIEF THE OAU LIBERATION COMMITTEE ON RHODESIAN DEVELOPMENTS TODAY. PRESUMABLY HE WILL HAVE BEEN BRIEFED BY THEN BY TANZANIANS ON CALLAGHAN/NYERERE TALKS (SEE DAR 0088).

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